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Dear Mr. Takahashi,

Attached is letter that I will be sent to Mr. Warren Snowdon to ask for a block of land. I made 3 contacts with his secretary and apparently everything is going to be right. The letter is the official application for a grant. Let's hope that they will keep their promise.

Please don't worry about the 3rd paragraph "our main... .... togetherness.", this only part of the application. If I had told them the real reason they would never have given us much attention.

I am very sorry for not being able to see you off at the Darwin airport.

Once again THANK YOU, until next time.

All the best to all.

P.O.BOX 49,
SANDERSON N.T. 0812.

31st August, 1972.

The Hon. Warren Snowdon MHR,

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,

CAMBERRA

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of East Timor Research and Information Centre - E T R I C.

E T R I C is a non profit organization founded on March 20th, 1989, with *EDUCATIONAL* purpose, and was officially incorporated in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act section 5 (2)(c), of Northern Territory.

Attached is a photocopy of the "Notice of Intention to Apply for the Incorporation of an Association" which contains the objects and purposes of E T R I C.

Our main goal, however, is to bridge the culture gap, through a dynamic and flexible program, which will provide up-to-date information, about the Australian Society and its Government(s), to the East-Timorese community, therefore, generating simultaneously a sense of understanding and togetherness.

Our members realized, from the beginning, that we could not function without a proper and adequate instalation.

Therefore we set our first and main priority "to get enough money to build our Centre". Three years later, thanks to our good friends in Japan, we are more than please to claim that we have enough money to build a modest and simple Centre, which will suit our purpose (photocopy of the Bankbook attached).

Unfortunately we could not raise the necessary funds to buy a block of land, it is so expensive that we would need to postpone our plans for another 3 or more years. By then, not even AUD$100,000.00 will be enough. Although self-sufficiency is one of our basic principles, we think that it is not a wise decision to implement at this stage.

It is an open secret, at least among the East Timorese community in Australia, that you are an active supporter of several communities activities, it is also known that you are a great educator and a courageous politician who believes in a multicultural Nation.

It is therefore, with renovate hope, that we choose to appeal, to you, to help us get a "block of land", so that we may finally erect our centre - ETRIC.

Yours Faithfully,

Alfredo Borges Ferreira

Member of the Exec. Committee